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Campus Construction: What has Already Been Done, and What is Next

By Ashley Arseneau

New and returning students alike this semester were greeted construction upon their arrival at WSU and will be seeing more of it as time progresses throughout next few years.

Currently the library is being refaced to have a more modern appeal. A metal over clad is being installed over the original brick exterior and will be finished before the calendar year is over. Also, the new exterior will be water proof as well to prevent water leakage within the building. Thermal qualities will also be brought up to modern code standards. Built in 1968, the LRC has already seen some renovation throughout the years; in 2010 the main floor was overhauled and a café was added to give students a more welcoming study space and place to recharge and grab a bite or drink at the same time. Also, according to the university's construction website, in 2009, "the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust, now the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, awarded the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset

Management \$560,000 to support a 105KW roof-mounted solar photovoltaic installation on Worcester State's Learning Resource Center." Thus making the building a greener place and creating less of an energy need.

There will be more projects in the near future as well. These include a Health and Well-

ness Center and also a new residence building which will include a new dining hall with expanded capacity. Recently, at the President's Brunch on September 22, WSU President Barry Maloney spoke about the construction and said that the new dining hall would be able to seat over 600 people.

The new residence build-

ing that will house this larger dining hall is slated to be open in 2014. It will be located overlooking John F. Coughlin Field. The new dorm will house more than 400 students and will help take care of the high demand for housing on campus and give more students the experience of residing on campus.

The new Wellness Center will open sometime during the

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Student Story Corner

We would like the Student Voice to be able to capture the lives of students at WSU. So we created this Student Story Corner where students can submit stories along a certain theme. The current theme is Awkward Moments.

We, like many of you unfortunate souls out there, tend to be a magnet to awkward situations. In hindsight though, we are able to laugh at each situation and generally do not regret the experience. Here is a favorite awkward experience that has happened to one staff member recently.

For following issues send your own awkward moments to studentvoice@worchester.edu and the best ones will be posted. They can be long rants or short anecdotes. If you wish to remain anonymous, you got it!

Here goes,

This story needs a small introduction. There is a rope swing, in Hubbardston I believe, and I frequented this rope swing this summer. One day I could not find my bathing suit so I wore a pair of cutoff shorts that I never wear anymore. What slipped my mind was the reason I had stopped wearing them - they had grown very tight. Naturally, amid the physical activity I was engaged in, they ripped right down the crotch. A

nice, big, thorough rip. But hey, I was wearing boxers and so the experience went almost unremembered, a trifle I threw into the back corners of my memory as I threw the ripped shorts into the back corner of my laundry rather than into the trash.

One morning, weeks later, also only a couple weeks ago, I woke up in a groggy haze after a long night. It was Saturday and my friends wanted to start our day at Gold Star Diner. I

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didn't have time to shower so I thought to myself, "Oh, I'll just shower when I get home, in the meantime why waste good clean clothes?" So I stayed in the shirt I was wearing, grabbed a pair of old cutoff shorts that I never wear, and "Hey, why waste a pair of boxers if I'm just gonna change out of them in an hour?" So I went commando. Don't judge me. You've done it.

Something was amiss at Gold Star. The people in the booth across the aisle to my left were looking at me very strangely and were visibly uncomfortable. Of course I

thought it was they who were acting strange. Twenty five minutes or so go by. I had ordered and eaten my food and I went to get my phone out of my pocket. I look down and lo and behold, my entire male anatomy was out in the breeze. I need to stress here, the rip in these shorts was substantial. There wasn't just a hole that you could see a little bit into. Everything, and I mean all of it, was out there.

I understood. The people next to me, still shifting around, glancing at me sideways - I understood. And the waitress! She had come and stood right above me - the table did nothing to block her view. She definitely saw my penis. Good Lord,

Jenn, you've been my waitress at Gold Star for years, What have I done?

So I start freaking out realizing that the shorts are so tight on me that while I'm in a sitting position I literally cannot put my junk back into my shorts. I just can't. There's no room. My friend Rachel had an idea, she gave me her purse and told me to just hold that over myself and walk out. It was a very small purse but what else could I do? I held it in front of my crotch and in a bent over, very suspicious looking manner I ran out the door with her purse. This attracted the attention of all the people I had to run past, all of them thinking I'm some guy who just stole a purse. So a few

of them followed me out to the parking lot and crowded around and stared at me. We stared at each other for a while before they realized I wasn't running away with this purse. Everyone was confused.

My friends paid their bill and met me outside and I gave the purse back to Rachel. The people outside soon realized I was not a thief and went back inside. I drove home with a hat over my crotch and when I arrived I did what I should have had done a long time before. I threw those damn shorts in the trash.

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Slut Shaming and its Negative Effects on the Female Gender

By Marissa Robertson

Sitting in the LRC Cafe recently, an ongoing problem was brought directly to my attention: slut shaming. At the table to my left, a group of guys were talking about their weekend, when I overheard this particular statement said in an almost congratulatory sort of tone to his friend, "Man, that girl is such a slut." A short while after, two girls walked past my table and I heard a similar statement, but instead was emphasized with a tone of disgust, "Ew, that girl is so slutty."

In a culture that holds women to an impossible double standard, all too comfortably accepts sexual abuse and rape, as well as holds a mindset of victim blaming, we should analyze and consider what is really being said when we use and accept the word "slut."

Firstly, a woman's sexual past, number of partners, preferences, orientation, etc. are nobody's business but her own. While mainstream media promotes a culture of masculinity that includes bragging about the number of women a man has slept with, it also promotes the idea that a woman's entire being can be

judged by her sexual activity.

In our society, a woman is supposed to be a pure innocent virgin, while at the same time, not being too much of a prude, while also making sure she is not a "tease." Even a woman who is confident with her body, opinionated, friendly, or just generally different in some form can take on the label "slut" without it being linked to any sexual activity.

In fact, according to Finally, A Feminism 101 Blog, in the English language alone, there are "220 words for a sexually promiscuous woman but only 20 for a sexually promiscuous man," which blatantly shows the different standards men and women are held to when it comes to sexual reputation.

A woman's clothing can determine the amount of respect given, as well. Usually, women who wear clothes that are considered to be revealing are coined "sluts." A woman's fashion choices should not dictate the amount of respect she is given and whether she is treated with common decency. When it comes to cases of rape and sexual assault, the question is usually asked, "Well what was she wearing?" This insinuates that somewhat

revealing clothes means she was "asking for it" or that she was not being careful enough, putting the blame on the victim instead of the suspect.

Even though it may not seem like a big deal to call somebody a slut, it can easily ruin their reputation. This reputation can have negative effects on their personal life, as well as a woman's self-esteem and confidence. It is used to attempt to make a woman feel humiliated, guilty, inferior, dirty, and unaccepted.

Along with this, a woman's reputation can also be used as "evidence" against her when it comes to cases of rape and harassment. What is her sexual history? What is her reputation? What was she wearing? How many partners has she had?

So, when it comes to slut shaming and bashing, speak out. If a friend or acquaintance participates in this, explain to them the consequences of their seemingly innocent words. Within ourselves, try and recognize patterns of misogynistic thinking, and do not participate in slut bashing, guys and girls alike. It may just seem like a word without consequence, but it is anything but that.

Continuation of Campus Construction

2014- 2015 academic year. The 100,000 square foot facility is part of a list of project in the Commonwealth Capital investments. "Our student athletes and the general student population will benefit greatly from this new facility," said President Maloney. The current gym building is only made to serve 400 people while the campus population is somewhere around 6,000. "Not only will it support our educational programs, athletic programs and student fitness, it will be a terrific community resource," said President Maloney. Wellness Center construction will begin in early in 2013 according to the Construction Web page.

One thing the students can already see in completed and be excited about is a community garden that was built over the summer. The garden is located across the street from the campus and is a collective effort being maintained by WSU staff, faculty, and of course students. Anyone looking to learn more about campus construction is encouraged to visit www.worcester.edu/construction

For more information on WSU construction, people can also keep check the Student Voice each month for updates. Also, breaking updates will be made available on our website wsstudentvoice.wordpress.edu in between issues.

Calling All Wordsmiths!

Are you a...

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- Poet?
- Master of Rants?

The Student Voice now accepts student submissions of any kind. What are we looking for? Student poetry, short fiction, non-fiction, and opinion pieces are all acceptable submissions. We will even consider papers written for school that you feel would shake the very foundations of the earth if they found their way into the hands of your future faithful sycophants. You may be wondering to yourself, "This is a newspaper I am holding, isn't it?" Astute observation, my inquisitive friend! Yes, indeed, this is a newspaper. However, if you turn

to the front page you will note that it has been deemed the *Student Voice* Newspaper. We want to hear your voice. Consider this an opportunity to be heard by millions (editors may dream, may they not?) of eager readers.

Please do not feel as though submitting to the *Voice* is a commitment of any sort. If you wish to remain anonymous, your identity is almost definitely secure with us. While we cannot guarantee that your submission will go to print (we only have so many pages), we can insure that an editor will review

your article with care and consideration and will promptly respond to you.

Email submissions and inquiries to: studentvoice@worces-ter.edu or stop by our office on the third floor of the Student Center, Rm 320 during the office hours that are posted outside.

Vivat vox populi,

Thom Friend,
Co-Associate Editor
The Student Voice

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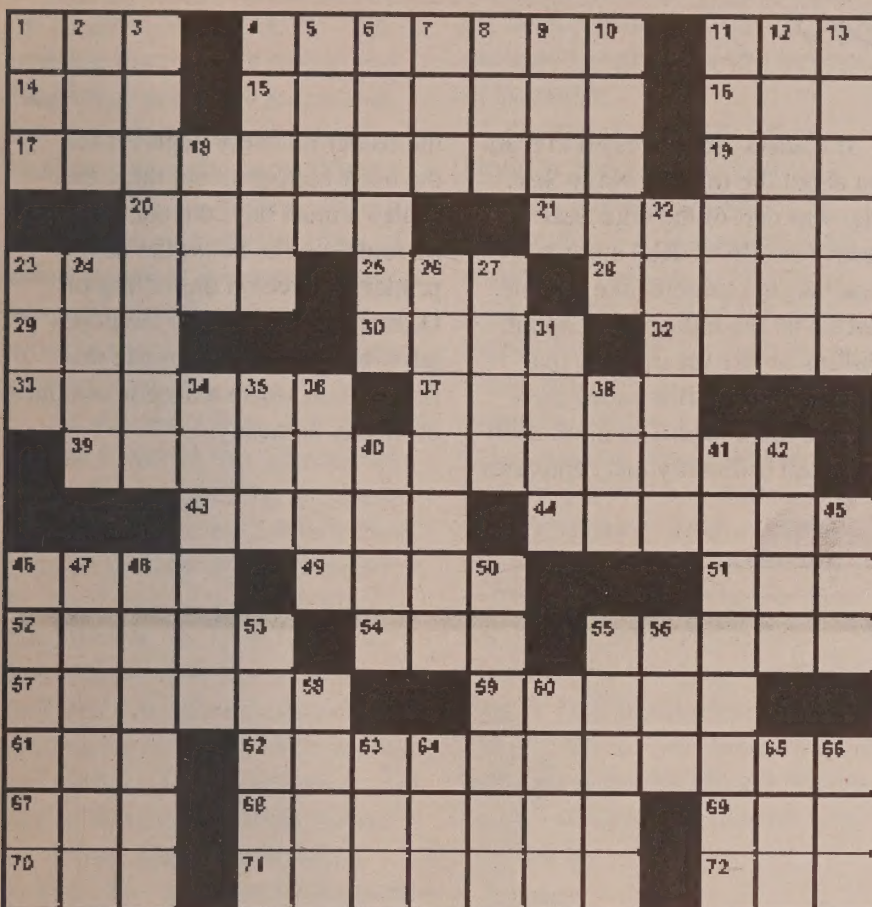
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By Tim Burr



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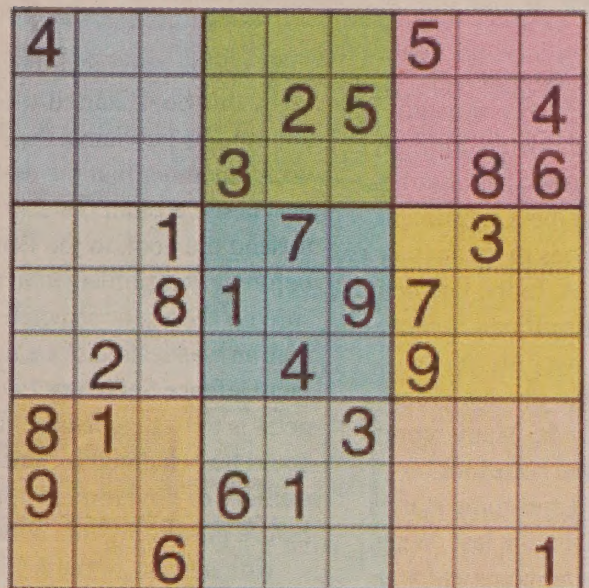
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 5 Cacklers in coops
 6 Start a new paragraph
 7 Blackbird's call
 8 "What ____ bid?"
 9 Flamingo feature
 10 Milo of "The Verdict"
 11 Solve, as a cryptogram
 12 Petroleum-packed peninsula
 13 Motion detector part
 18 ____-mo (replay technique)
 22 Chest of drawers
 23 A number's homophone
 24 Counterpart of a count
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 27 Skipper's spot
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 35 Caustic cleanser
 36 Ostrichlike birds
 38 Mariah Carey's "____ Be There"

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 48 Casts out from the body
 50 "____ coming to take me away!"
 53 Hindu prince
 55 Shows satisfaction, in a way
 56 True or false (Abbr.)
 58 Kind of "vision" or "type"
 60 Way out there
 63 Drug that might cause flashbacks
 64 Nautical journal
 65 Be inaccurate
 66 Shoat's home

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Book Review: Through the Eyes of One of the Heroes that Killed Osama Bin Laden

By Joseph Nawn

The raid that occurred on Osama Bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan during Operation Neptune Spear has become one of the most significant military operations in the history of the United States. In the late hours of May 2, 2011 millions cheered and celebrated over the death of the head of the jihadist group known as al-Qaeda. Many reports surfaced after the notorious terrorist was killed and some stories were stranger than the last. When the CIA and the government want something kept secret than they will keep it secret.

Some things may leak and people will put these fragments of the story together in order to create something that they believe to be the truth, but unfortunately if someone were not there, and they were just watching the whole thing from a television or computer than chances are they have created a tale of fiction and turned it into what they believe to be the truth.

Luckily for us, the first primary source on Operation Neptune Spear was finally released on September 4. With the book, *No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission that Killed Osama Bin Laden*, we not only get a glimpse of the mission that took out the famed Laden himself, but we also get an in-depth perspective into the life of a real Navy Seal.

The primary author, Mark Owen, is actually a pseudonym he uses to protect himself and his family. As a matter of fact he also just did an interview with *60 Minutes* where he had a make-up team completely alter his face while having his voice distorted, so one can see how seriously he takes anonymity when it comes to himself or his other friends involved in the mission.

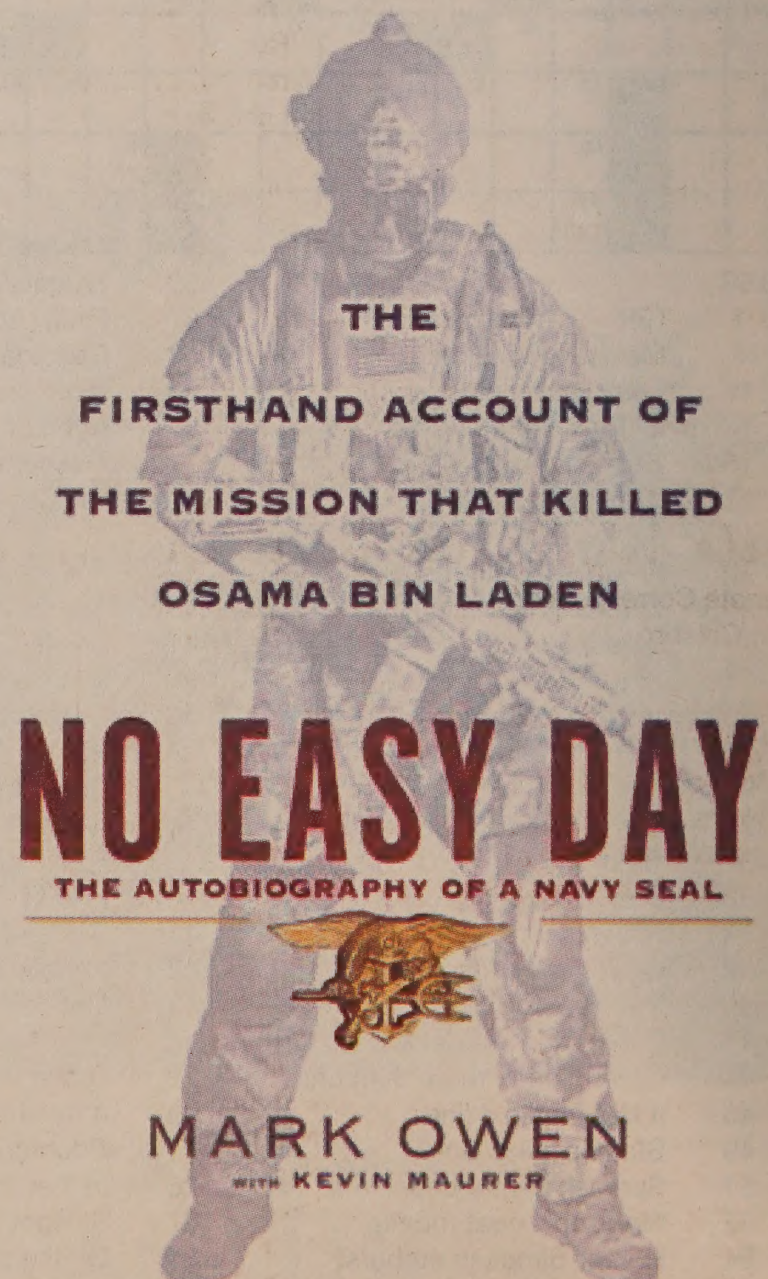
If people can recall the controversy this book started when it was about to be published then they will remember that the controversy was based around Owens' failure to send the book to the Pentagon before it was published to make sure no secrets or sensitive information was leaked. As a matter of fact Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is now suggesting that Owens could be penalized for not seeking military or government approval before publishing this book.

Nonetheless in the Author's note Owens claims that he has changed the names of all of the people he mentions in order to protect their identities' and also that he and co-author Kevin Maurer took necessary steps in the writing of the book to make sure that sensitive information was not leaked. Owens claims that he merely wanted to publish it just to set the record straight about what happened at the compound in Abbottabad that night and he does a brilliant job at doing so.

The book itself runs about 300 pages, but is written in such a fine and captivating manner you might feel like it is shorter. The authors are able to give all of the character enough depth to develop a strong connection between the readers and the characters. Once you pick up this book you will not want to put it down and it is no wonder that it just recently bumped off *Fifty Shades of Gray* for the top spot on the best seller list after having sold over a million copies (not including digital copies) in its first week of sales. In fact the demand for the book was so high from the presales that the book's publishing company, Dutton, decided to release the book a week earlier on September 4 instead of September 11.

If readers are interested in reading about the life of a Navy Seal who was part of the elite Seal Team Six (DEVGRU) and who took part in missions like the one that saved the kidnapped Captain Phillips or like the mission that took out Osama Bin Laden then this is a must read. The book itself is written brilliantly and captivates

the reader on every page. As for the book collectors out there this is also a must buy; the controversy surrounding the book, the first primary source on the killing of Osama Bin Laden, and the popularity of the book will make this first edition worth a decent amount of money someday.



Who Knew About Woo U

By Joseph P. LaBaire

We all know where we were on September 11, 2001. The images that played out on the television are forever burned into our memories like a bad dream that came true. While we are all busy getting used to being in the academic state of mind again, it is important that we reflect on that tragic day, what we lost and what we have gained from it.

As you walk from the student center towards the Ghosh Science Center past the gym you may have noticed a tree with a plaque in front of it dedicated to those lost in the attacks of September 11. If you look on the wall next to that tree you will see the name Robin Kaplan on another plaque. Who is this individual? She is a graduate of Worcester State (Class of 1990). This woman once walked the same halls and side-

walks as we walk today. Sadly, on September 11, 2001, Robin's life was cut short by the actions of terrorists.

Kaplan grew up in Framingham, MA and worked for the TJX Company (owner of the stores; T.J. Maxx and Marshalls) for 8 years prior to her passing. For most of her life Robin lived with Crohn's disease, also known as regional enteritis, which is a type of inflammatory bowel disease that may affect any part of the gastrointestinal tract. Despite her illness, she stayed strong, enjoying watching Boston Bruins games, listening to Eric Clapton and hanging out at the beach. Robin will always be remembered for her smile and the fact that she was always willing to lend a hand to a person who needed it.

Since 2004, a charity golf tournament has been held annually in Robin's honor to keep her memory alive and to fulfill her wish of helping children battling Crohn's Disease and Colitis. Proceeds from this event are donated to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) camps across America as well as kids programs. Since its inception, the event has raised over \$900,000 benefiting the CCFA.

Our world has changed drastically since those towers fell. Wars, terrorism, the economy, after we are done with our academic lives we are in for quite a surprise on how hard it is out there in the real America. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to immerse ourselves in a state of academia where we

can build our minds as well as forge everlasting friendships. It is our duty as the next generation about to enter today's working class society to be able to adapt and keep our head during the changing times we all will and must face

On days when school work has you down just think about Robin and the countless others that were lost one day in September of 2001 and remember how lucky you are to be alive and to have a future full of so many possibilities waiting ahead.

If any of the Worcester State faculty or students would like to make a donation to the CCFA in Robin Kaplin's name, please send a check or money order to:

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Of the Woo, for the Woo, by the Woo: Your WSU Student Government

By Senate Correspondent
Marion Calabro

September brings a fresh face to Worcester State University. A new freshman class is embarking on a fresh educational frontier. Construction to the WSU Wellness Center will soon begin. On September 21 the inauguration of the 11th Worcester State University President, Barry Maloney, took place. The nation is also on the cusp of the National Presidential Election.

It is also a new term for Worcester State University's Student Government Association.

The Student Senate, SGA President, and Student Trustee,

are Worcester State students elected by their peers to represent student interest. This includes the use of the Student Activity Trust Fund (SATF) and providing a student voice to WSU administration.

This year the WSU Senate is striving to increase relevance of student government on an evolving campus through attaining a full Senate and increasing the accessibility of senators.

Worcester State Student Government Elections held September 25 and 26 will provide a new team of WSU Senators to represent students and bring these goals to life.

WSU Senate also has a recently created twitter handle @WSUSGA in addition to their facebook page facebook.com/WSUSGA.

The Student Senate will continue its column within The Student Voice, Worcester State's student run newspaper, to put updated SGA news in the hands of WSU students.

In partnership with TWA, Senate is also offering Voter Registration events for the November State elections. Voter Registration forms along with Absentee Ballot Applications are available from both groups. The forms are also online at the Mass.gov website.

The Voter Registration Deadline for the November 6 elections is Wednesday October 17.

Student investment is the crux of any higher educational experience. If students want to exemplify the Worcester State University spirit of "(changing) the way the world works", they must only stand up and get involved.

To learn more about opportunities for involvement through Student Government email sga@worchester.edu or stop in at Senate's weekly open meeting: Thursdays 4 p.m. in the Foster Room.

Senior quarterback Corey Spencer looks (#17) for an open receiver in a 27-20 triumph over Westfield State on Saturday. Spencer finished 24-for-32 while he passed for 239 yards and one touchdown in the victory over the Owls



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